

REMARKS

The present application is a division of co-pending parent application, Application No. 09/852,731, filed on May 11, 2001, which is a division of Application No. 08/679,250, filed on July 12, 1996, which is a division of Application No. 08/165,502, filed on December 13, 1993. Claim 1 is presented for examination, and Claims 2-57 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Applicant intends to add additional claims to this divisional application shortly.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

Some of the listed documents were cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/852,731, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.)


An explanation of relevance for the Japanese documents submitted herewith are given in the English abstracts.

The Examiner is requested to indicate that the listed documents have been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of same to Applicants' attorneys of record.

CONCLUSION

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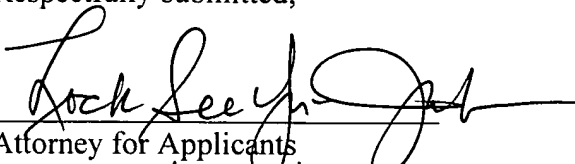
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